

Exempt from Licensure Clinic

Effective January 1, 2004, Senate Bill 857 (Statutes of 2003, Chapter 301) amended the *Welfare and Institutions* (W & I) Code sections regarding requirements for enrollment in the Medi-Cal program.

Specifically, W & I Code, Section 14043.15 states that a natural person, who operates a clinic or office for the practice of his or her profession, shall be enrolled in the Medi-Cal program as an individual provider or rendering provider of a group even if s/he meets the requirements to qualify as an exempt from licensure clinic under subdivision (a) or (m) of Section 1206 of the Health and Safety Code.

Furthermore, provisions in this new law will now mandate all clinics claiming exemption from licensure under Health and Safety Code, Section 1206 subdivisions (b) to (l), inclusive, or (n) to (p), inclusive, to comply with W & I Code, Section 14043.26 by submitting a complete provider application package for enrollment in the Medi-Cal program. All applicants claiming exemption from clinic licensure shall identify the licensure exemption category and document in its application package the legal and factual basis for the clinic license exemption claimed.

Procedures to implement these new requirements are being developed. Check the Medi-Cal Web site's [Provider Enrollment](#) page for updates.

For complete text, see [Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043](#) and [Health and Safety Code, Section 1206](#).